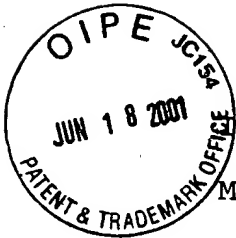


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PROCESSING SYSTEM, AND)
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SECOND SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. A copy of each listed document is also enclosed.

The listed documents were cited in an Australian Search Report (dated August 1, 2000) issued in a counterpart foreign application. A copy of that Australian Search Report is also enclosed.

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It is believed that no fee is due. However, if any fee is due, please charge, or credit any overpayment to, our Deposit Account No. 06-1205.

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our New York office by telephone at (212) 218-2100. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

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